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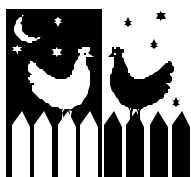
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed, mostly steady. Retail demand was light to moderate with improvements reported. Food service was fair to good, best into fast food and some catering services. Supplies were at least sufficient and available. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate, at times good as first of the month approaches along with signs of spring and warmer weather. Breast items were more balanced and received increased interest, and dark meat was close balanced to well cleared thanks to export business. Wings were mixed with supplies more available in some areas, but in others, tight and clearing. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range of light to heavy.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 04/30/01-05/05/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	(Includes branded product)	LOADS	WTD
		WTD AVG		
Bos/New Eng	53.00-54.00	53.84	16	57.47
Chicago	50.00-54.00	53.22	43	55.41
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	58.19
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	62.26
Denver	66.50	66.50	16	66.06
Detroit	52.00-55.00	53.61	18	56.54
Los Angeles	67.00	64.71	64	63.09
New York	51.00-53.00	52.13	24	56.05
Philadelphia	50.00-52.00	50.72	9	53.05
Pittsburgh	50.50-52.50	51.85	10	57.55
St. Louis	52.50-52.75	52.07	20	53.69
San Francisco	67.50	66.32	30	68.59

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	04/30/01	Change/Last Wk	04/23/01	05/01/00
615	58.88	-0.07	58.95	55.19

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	57.00-62.00	61.27	42
Central	56.00-61.00	58.55	76
West	57.00-63.25	61.70	42

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	61.00-63.00	62.29	83
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,116	48.00-64.00	60.95

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	137.00	4,763
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.50	1,538
THIGH MEAT - B/S	97.00	765
LEG QUARTERS	28.00	9,593
WINGS	102.50	3,231

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**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was better with hopes that first of the month will further improve conditions. Supplies were in good balance for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were better balanced and received increased interest aided by planned retail ads and upcoming holiday. Dark meat was close balanced to well cleared with export business still a factor, and wings continued to clear well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate at best entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were in a better balance, and bone-in breasts were no more than adequate to occasionally tight at times. Dark meat cuts to continued clear well as export demand remained strong. Wings were balanced to closely cleared. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items, fully steady on wings and dark meat cuts.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was generally steady with trading for this week's deliveries at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings fully adequate overall with small sizes in the closest position. Demand by fast food fairly good, stores good where features planned otherwise only fair. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Reported trading on parts: leg quarters 31.5-32.5 4/10s and 29-35 bulk, breasts 71.5-81 bone-in and 129-131 boneless, boneless thigh meat 94-100 and boneless leg meat mainly 89. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 58.14 down .65 with the volume reported up 6 percent to 32 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were unchanged from last Monday's final and TFEWR into Ohio. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings of Wogs and whole birds were adequate for the light trade needs. Retail demand somewhat improved, light to moderate. Food service movement fair to good, best into fast food and catering. Floor stocks balanced, sizes desirable to heavy. Parts demand was mixed, best for dark meat items. Supplies of wings were in better balance, leg quarters barely adequate with breast items adequate. The market tone was fully steady on dark meat, steady to weak on wings and steady on all other items.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly fair to moderate as buyers restocking following the week-end. Seller offerings were fully sufficient and all sizes were available. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 67 cents. Tradesentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, inquiry was good for fill-in needs and buyers generally projected additional movement as consumer first of the month buying interest developed. Bone-in breasts, leg cuts and wings were in close balance to well cleared.

**\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	51-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.94
NO. OF BOXES	10,905

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity ranged fair to moderate entering the week, and dealers were optimistic as summer weather, coupled with retail promotions, began to stimulate business. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were moving into a better balance as buyers began to assess needs out front and secured product accordingly. Likewise, bone-in breasts were clearing well with premiums noted. Continued export draw kept dark meat cuts in a balanced to adequate position. Wings remained no more than adequate to closely cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about moderate with better interest centering around features. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items, fully steady to instances firm on wings, at least steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		130-135	134.14	743,440
TENDERLOINS		135-140	143.85	121,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS		67-68	73.25	285,240
BREAST - LINE RUN		67	69.88	118,800
LEGS		38-39	41.63	222,500
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		28-29	29.22	442,915
DRUMSTICKS		34-35	41.06	137,310
THIGHS		35-36	40.70	124,640
B/S THIGHS		88-89	91.15	56,080
WINGS (WHOLE)		100-101	109.43	347,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	12.08	69,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		30-35	35.06	63,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		40-45	44.48	97,200

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	720	115.00-122.00	120	119.78
TENDERLOINS	360	135.00-147.00	145-146	144.67
BREAST - WITH RIBS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
FRONT HALVES	800	65.00-77.00	69-77	72.35
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	240	25.00-26.00	25.5-26	25.42
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,200	27.00-28.50	27.5-28.5	27.95
WINGS (WHOLE)		NO TRADING REPORTED		
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,640	33.00-34.00	34	33.98

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	04/30	04/26	04/26	04/23	04/19
ALA	3,946	3,899	5.01	3,732	5.00
ARK	5,320	5,089	4.82	5,113	4.83
DELMARVA	2,269	2,329	5.11	2,321	4.99
KY-LA-TN	1,881	2,000	4.58	2,018	4.45
MISS	2,672	2,694	5.09	2,825	5.01
NC	2,577	2,581	5.95	2,510	5.86
TEXAS	2,357	2,363	4.83	2,320	4.78
TOTAL	21,022	20,955	5.04	20,839	4.99
MON	21,022(A)			20,839(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Apr 2001 is estimated to be 31,451,000 up 0.58 percent from a week ago and up 0.85 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,271,000, last year 31,185,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	782	120.00-203.00	137-142	142.61
TENDERLOINS	173	145.00-230.00	145-150	154.83
BREAST - LINE RUN	123	70.00-75.00	70-72	70.54
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	127	39.00-46.00	39-42	40.33
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	319	25.00-27.50	25-26	25.81
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,576	27.00-30.00	28-29	28.09
WINGS (WHOLE)	261	98.00-102.00	101-102	101.23
WINGS (CUT)	538	115.00-126.00	115-118	118.62
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	48	92.00-94.00	-	93.38

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR APRIL 30, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
48.25 - 49.50	48.66	50.49

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 30-APR-2001 TO 04-MAY-2001, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	120.00 - 137.00	125.00 - 130.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	66.00 - 83.00	66.00 - 70.00
LEGS	39.00 - 47.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22.00 - 31.00	26.00 - 27.00
DRUMSTICKS	33.00 - 47.00	-
THIGHS	34.00 - 47.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	91.00 - 107.00	100.00 - 101.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 46.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

#### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79-99
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	82-105
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	93-99
FROZEN DUCKS	139-154
FROZEN SQUABS	589

#### **DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	83-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

#### **SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

##### **DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-94
	DRY PACK	102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-117
	DRY PACK	123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91-117
	DRY PACK	123
DUCKS		152-170

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

27-APR-2001

**CHICKEN**

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
<b>15% OR LESS</b>				
RANGE	21.00	-	240,000	240,000
WTD AVERAGE	21.00			

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
<b>15% OR LESS</b>				
RANGE	15.50-19.00	16.50-19.00	1,032,000	352,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.29	18.03		

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
<b>15-20%</b>				
RANGE	12.25-20.00	11.50-15.00	2,238,000	1,082,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.27	12.85		

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
<b>20% OR MORE</b>				
RANGE	-	12.50	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.50		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

27-APR-2001

**CHICKEN**

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
<b>15% OR LESS</b>				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
<b>15% OR LESS</b>				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
<b>15-20%</b>				
RANGE	17.00-18.50	11.00-13.50	1,509,600	979,200
WTD AVERAGE	17.57	12.27		

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
<b>20% OR MORE</b>				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were only fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was only steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLTR

WEEK OF 30-APR-01	CENTS/LB	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12	8.25-9	8.79

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. However, demand was lighter for usually fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Finished product supplies increased in availability and clearances were irregular but still clearing. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-APR-01

WEEK OF 30-APR-01	CENTS/LB	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-9.75	8-9.5	8.88
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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